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Community Interfaith Liaison Office (CIL) Biweekly Update:

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An update from the Fairfax County Community Interfaith Liaison Office (CIL), serving Fairfax County faith communities and faith- and community-based organizations by sharing information, resources, training, linkages, partnership and collaboration opportunities, and coordinating human services-oriented meetings, workshops, and events for the Fairfax County faith community. The Community Interfaith Liaison Office is part of the Fairfax County Department of Systems Management for Human Services, located at 12011 Government Center Parkway, Suite 220, Fairfax, Virginia 22035. For information, please telephone (703) 324-3453 or e-mail hprym1@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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Accommodations:

Fairfax County is committed to a policy of nondiscrimination in all County programs, services, and activities. Special accommodations/alternative information formats for Faith Communities in Action (FCIA) meetings and Community Interfaith Liaison Office meetings, events, and workshops will be provided upon request. Please call Holly Prymak at (703) 324-3453 or TTY (703) 803-7914 to request special accommodations or if

you have any questions or concerns. Please allow seven working days in advance of the event in order to make the necessary arrangements.

Contact Us:

For more information on the Community Interfaith Liaison Office, please visit our web-site at:

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/service/dsm/cil/default.htm

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Feature Article:

Submitted by Workforce Organizations for Regional Collaboration (WORC)

WORKFORCE ORGANIZATIONS FOR REGIONAL COLLABORATION (WORC) & VIRGINIA'S FAITH-BASED AND COMMUNITY INITIATIVE PROJECT

About the Project

The mission of Virginia's Faith-Based & Community Initiative is to strengthen partnerships among faith-based and community organizations and the One-Stop Career Centers to increase the employability of Virginians. The Workforce Investment Act recognizes that local needs are best met through local organizational structures involving all parties providing services leading to long-term employment of clients within the system. The ability to identify people requiring assistance in gaining employment and provide for as many of the diverse needs which create barriers to this goal is at the center of all efforts within the One-Stop system.

The One-Stop Career Centers provide employment services such as career counseling, job readiness, job research, employment workshops, and job training. In addition to employment services, a One-Stop is also comprised of various partners, including state and local agencies and larger community-based organizations, that offer a variety of necessary services to the unemployed and difficult to employ. However, many services and needs are not provided through the current partnership. This limitation in resources can limit the ability of many individuals to enter the workforce, or even participate in the larger scope of workforce development.

Workforce Organizations for Regional Collaboration (WORC) and Virginia's Faith-Based and Community Initiative recognize that there are numerous, diverse resources available through the many grassroots organizations and faith-based organizations in every community throughout Virginia and the United States. Many clients are not availed of the services which may facilitate progress toward gainful employment, due to lack of awareness. WORC will facilitate coordination between these diverse providers to create better client service access.

Capacity building is a central thrust of this project. Identifying and bringing these many organizations into a comprehensive network will assist in meeting the many needs of the clients being served. The goal of this project is to identify potential participants and to explore the potential for greater cooperation, information/referral sharing, and partnerships between the One-Stop Career Centers and the Northern Virginia area community and faith based organizations.

About WORC

Workforce Organizations for Regional Collaboration (WORC) coordinates and facilitates the activities of workforce development service providers throughout the Washington, DC region to meet the needs of businesses. As WORC continues to provide technical support to its members and the community, we envision a time in the future when the nonprofit community will be prepared to become the main recruiting source for businesses in this region that hire individuals for entry-level positions. By working together, nonprofit organizations, service providers, and government entities can offer better, more efficient assistance to the low-income and disadvantaged person of this region.

For more information, please visit our web site at www.worconline.org.

Human Services Updates:

NEWS RELEASE

For Release: Mon. June 30, 2003
Contact: 703-841-3830

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington Faces Major Budget Cuts as Revenue Falls

***Some Catholic Charities' Services To Be Temporarily Suspended;
Staff Reduction Unavoidable as Growing Deficit Looms***

Arlington, Va., June 30 -- Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington will cut services at two of its well-known outreach centers as part of a sweeping program of budget cuts, Executive Director Steve Luteran announced today.

Christ House, a homeless men's shelter in Alexandria, will temporarily suspend its overnight program and cash disbursements under the Emergency Assistance program. Reduced staff will continue to operate the food pantry, evening meal program, thrift shop, and referral services.

Hogar Hispano, a Falls Church facility offering services to immigrants, will temporarily suspend the Emergency Services program while other Hogar Hispano programs will continue to operate with reduced staff.

The cuts come in response to an unprecedented budget shortfall projected for the agency's new fiscal year that begins July 1. "Without taking drastic steps the agency would've faced a deficit of more than \$750,000," Luteran said. "Although Arlington Bishop Paul S. Loverde continues to provide over \$500,000 of funding support to Catholic Charities, the precipitous decline in United Way funding, donations, and fees makes these cutbacks unavoidable," Luteran added.

In addition, the Western Regional Office (formerly known as the Winchester Office) that had closed temporarily will not re-open, though the services of an agency social worker will continue to be available to the community on a limited basis. The Fredericksburg Office will remain open.

The service reductions are effective July 1. The agency tried to confine the deepest program cuts to services available from other agencies in the community, Luteran said.

Like many social service agencies in the region, Catholic Charities of Arlington saw revenues drop sharply in the last 12 months due to a weak economy, consumer belt tightening, and reduced income from United Way in the wake of that group's management problems. Revenues from special events, direct mail, and other solicitations fell significantly below expectations.

Catholic Charities had to dip into cash reserves to meet its budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, Luteran noted. "As responsible stewards we could not operate at a deficit for two consecutive years. Thus, we've been forced to slash expenses and look for new ways to raise money," he said.

In a cost-cutting move Luteran said he regretted most deeply, the agency is laying off staff in addition to attrition and the hiring freeze. Fifteen positions are being eliminated at a savings of \$500,000. A number of these are part-time slots.

Catholic Charities will freeze new hiring and pay raises across the board. Staff openings in Children's Services and Family Services will not be filled, but services will continue to be provided.

The staff cuts will have a very significant and unfortunate impact on the agency, Luteran said. "It pains us beyond words to lose these dedicated people. But we already spend almost 90 cents of every dollar we raise on program services, so there was no other place to make the significant cuts we needed to make," he said.

Three other areas will not be affected by the budget reduction:

- Elderly Services / St. Martin de Porres Senior Center in Alexandria;
- Prison Ministry;
- Loudoun Satellite Office at Christ the Redeemer Catholic Church in Sterling.

These services are already thinly staffed, while the senior center and prison ministry rely heavily on volunteers.

"I hope and pray that the cuts we are announcing today are only temporary, and that we can restore services as soon as our financial picture improves," Luteran said.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington serves almost 40,000 people annually. The agency's programs (see www.cdda.net) also include foster care, individual and family counseling, services for the disabled, crisis pregnancy counseling, and adoption services. A nonprofit social service agency, CCDA was founded in 1947, is fully accredited, a licensed child placing agency, and serves 21 counties and seven independent cities in northern Virginia. The agency helps those in need regardless of their race or creed.

Catholic Charities is actively seeking donations to help offset the current budget crisis. Contributions may be made by credit card on the web-site or sent by mail to: Emergency Appeal, Catholic Charities of Arlington, 200 N. Glebe Road, Suite 506, Arlington, VA 22203.

Faith Communities in Action (FCIA):

Fairfax County Faith Communities in Action (FCIA) is a network of faith communities, community-based organizations, and government agencies that fosters interfaith communications and cooperation to build and strengthen human service resources throughout Fairfax County.

Next Meeting - Wednesday, July 9, 2003

The next Faith Communities in Action meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 9, 2003, from 2:00p.m. – 4:15p.m., in Conference Rooms 4 & 5 of the Fairfax County Government Center, located at 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia.

Join us for a special presentation about court-appointed special advocates for neglected and abused children residing in Fairfax County. Maria Buscemi, from Fairfax CASA, will explain the need for this special program and its community impact.

The Consolidated Community Funding Pool Fiscal Year 2005 and 2006 Request for Proposals (RFP) will be issued this fall. Becky Offutt, with the Department of Administration for Human Services Contracts Management Business Area, will give us an update on the RFP's release and priority modifications.

The County is currently working to develop strategic plans for all departments for anticipated 2004 implementation. During the FCIA meeting, we will be soliciting your help with the development of the strategic plan for the Department of Systems Management for Human Services and its Community Interfaith Liaison Office division. Juanita Wilder, Regional Manager for Regions 4/5, and Irmina Howe, Community Developer for Regions 4/5, will facilitate this discussion.

As always, all faith communities are invited to attend and encouraged to bring announcements about their upcoming community meetings, speaker events, workshops, and human services project announcements. Questions? Call Sandra Chisholm at (703) 324-5185 or e-mail at schish@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Upcoming Events/Workshops/Conferences:

▪ **Monday, July 7, 2003**

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, presents...

***Pre-conference to
Workforce Innovations Conference
"Empowering New Partnerships Through Faith-Based and Community Initiatives"
Monday, July 7, 2003
9:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.
Marriott Wardman Hotel
Washington, D.C.***

This pre-conference will address model partnerships only. For more information, please visit www.workforceinnovations.org.

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▪ **Wednesday, July 9, 2003**

Faith Communities in Action (FCIA) presents...

***Bimonthly Meeting
"Faith Communities in Action"
Wednesday, July 9, 2003
2:00p.m. - 4:15p.m.
Fairfax County Government Center
12000 Government Center Parkway
Conference Rooms 4 & 5
Fairfax, Virginia 22035***

The meeting agenda will include:

- 2:00 - 2:10p.m. Welcome: Rev. Ronald F. Christian, Chair
- 2:10 - 2:30p.m. Fairfax County Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA): Maria Buscemi
- 2:30 - 2:40p.m. Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP), Fiscal Year 2004 Process: Becky Offutt
- 2:40 - 3:00p.m. Meeting Participants' Announcements
- 3:00 - 4:15p.m. Strategic Planning: Department of Systems Management for Human Services (DSMHS) Community Interfaith Liaison Office

The Department of Systems Management for Human Services (DSMHS) is currently developing its strategic plan for implementation in 2004. Each division within DSMHS is holding conversations with community and government partners and customers about the agency's role, focus and tasks. During the last half of the Faith Communities in Action meeting, we are inviting you to assist us with the strategic planning process as it applies to the Community Interfaith Liaison Office. Regional Manager, Juanita Wilder, and Community Developer, Irmina Howe, will facilitate this dialogue.

If you have questions about the Strategic Planning session, please call Sandy Chisholm at (703) 324-5185.

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▪ Tuesday, July 15, 2003

The Fairfax County Department of Systems Management for Human Services presents...

Free Hands-On Training
"Learn How to Use the Human Services Resource Guide"
Tuesday, July 15, 2003
Session is from 10:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.
6245 Leesburg Pike, Conference Room 507
Falls Church, Virginia 22044

The Human Services Resource Guide is a web-based directory of human services available to Fairfax County residents. This training will provide an overview of the Guide, information on how to use the Guide, and ideas on how to make the Guide work for you.

Additional Training Dates are being offered in 2003 and will be held at the Falls Church office in Conference Room 507. Future Additional Training Dates will include:

- August 13, 2003, 1:00p.m. - 3:00p.m.
- September 18, 2003, 10:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.
- October 14, 2003, 1:00p.m. - 3:00p.m.
- November 12, 2003, 10:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.
- December 11, 2003, 1:00p.m. - 3:00p.m.

To register, please call Resource Information Management Services (RIMS) staff, Norma Bartholomew - (703) 533-5787 or Keisha Dotson - (703) 533-5786, or e-mail wwwrim@fairfaxcounty.gov/rim.

For a copy of this flyer, please refer to the link shown under this listing in the CIL Biweekly Update E-Newsletter, which may be accessed on the web at

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/service/dsm/CIL/cilbiweeklyupdate.htm.

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▪ **Thursday, July 10, 2003**

The Springfield & Franconia Exchange presents...

Human Services Community Lunch Series
"Fairfax County Office for Children"
Thursday, July 10, 2003
Lunch: 11:30a.m. - Noon
Presentation: 12:00p.m. - 1:30p.m.
First Baptist Church of Springfield
Fellowship Hall
7300 Gary Street
Springfield, Virginia 22150

Staff from the Fairfax County Office for Children will share information about:

- Finding child care
- Paying for child care
- Being a family child care provider

A recent initiative supported through a Federal Early Learning Opportunity Act Grant has created new resources for child care providers through the Institute for Early Learning and Emerging Literacy. Strategies for sharing outreach materials and partnering efforts will also be discussed.

For more information, please call Irmina Howe at (703) 324-7130 or Paulette Whiteside at (703) 324-5285. No need to RSVP.

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▪ **Sunday, July 20 - Tuesday, July 22, 2003**

Jewish Women International (JWI) presents...

The First International Conference on Domestic Abuse in the Jewish Community
"Pursuing Truth, Justice, and Righteousness - A Call to Action"
Sunday, July 20 - Tuesday, July 22, 2003
Hyatt Regency Hotel
Baltimore, Maryland

Please call JWI directly at 1-800-343-2823 or visit www.jewishwomen.org/CallToAction if you would like more information or printed copies of the conference brochure.

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▪ **Saturday, July 26, 2003**

The Virginia Organizing Project (VOP) presents...

You are invited to the
"Virginia Organizing Project (VOP) Annual Meeting"
Saturday, July 26, 2003
9:30a.m. - 5:00p.m.
Linwood Holton Elementary School
1600 West Laburnum Ave.
Richmond, Virginia

We will bring together a variety of grassroots organizations and a broad range of constituencies to share our analysis, improve our organizing skills, and ask some public officials tough questions!

Tentative Agenda

9:30a.m. - 10:30a.m. *Registration*
10:30a.m. - Noon *Welcome, Recognition of VOP Chapters and Affiliates, Recognition of Other Groups, Introduction of Officers, Celebration of Victories!*
12:00p.m. - 1:00p.m. *Lunch*
1:00p.m. - 3:00p.m. *Workshops on tax reform, racial profiling*
3:15p.m. - 4:45p.m. *Citizens' panel asks questions of Col. Massengill, Superintendent of Virginia State Police, and other public officials (several invited)*
4:45p.m. *Recognition of Senators Louise Lucas and Henry Marsh*

To register, please respond by July 23, 2003. For more information, please contact the Virginia Organizing Project at (434) 984-4655.

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▪ **Saturday, July 26, and Saturday, August 16, 2003**

Volunteers needed...

"Free School Physicals to Uninsured Children"

Faith communities and nonprofit organizations in Northern Virginia are partnering with Inova and the Fairfax County Health Department to provide free school physicals to uninsured children in our community. On Saturday, July 26, and Saturday, August 16, from 8:00a.m. - 12:00p.m., more than 400 children are expected to receive free physicals.

Physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, interpreters, and other volunteers are needed to help. Each child will get a free school physical, school immunizations, and screenings. Each child will also be provided with information and an application to enroll in Virginia's state-funded insurance programs. When each child leaves, he or she will be given a bag of school supplies. Churches are being asked to assist by collecting school supplies, volunteering at the event, and helping to plan and/or coordinate the event.

St. Anthony's Catholic Church School Physicals Day
will be held
Saturday, July 26, 2003
8:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Georgine Redmond at (703) 573-5903 or e-mail gredmond@gmu.edu.

The Greater Springfield Communities of Faith School Physicals Day

will be held

Saturday, August 16, 2003

8:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Cyndi Barr at (703) 644-5627 or e-mail cdbarr@bww.com.

The Mt. Vernon Community Coalition's School Physicals Day

will be held

August 16, 2003

8:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Bonnie Lilley at (703) 780-4844 or e-mail clilley406@aol.com.

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▪ **Tuesday, July 29, 2003**

The White House and the U.S. Departments of Agriculture, Health & Human Services, Housing & Urban Development, Justice, and Labor will host a...

Free Conference

"White House Conference on Faith-Based and Community Initiatives "

Tuesday, July 29, 2003

8:00a.m. - 5:30p.m.

Minneapolis Convention Center

1301 Second Avenue South

Minneapolis, MN 55403

This conference will help faith-based and community organizations learn more about the Faith-Based and Community Initiative. It will equip participants with information about Federal programs that are suited to their needs, the Federal funding process, and the legal requirements that may apply to recipients of Federal funds. It will also give attendees practical information on the grant-writing process and successful practices from other organizations, as well as an opportunity to network with Federal officials.

The conference is free, but pre-registration is required. Registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Visit www.fbc.gov to register online. For more information, please call (202) 456-6718 or e-mail to fbc@dtihq.com.

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▪ **Tuesday, July 29, 2003**

Workforce Organizations for Regional Collaboration (WORC) presents...

Upcoming Workshop

"How to Apply for Foundation Grants and Creating Partnerships

with One-Stop Career Centers Workshop"

Tuesday, July 29, 2003

10:00a.m. - 3:00p.m.

Location to be announced.

For more information, please contact Brandi Yee at (703) 414-5577 or e-mail at byee@worconline.org.

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▪ **Tuesday, July 29, 2003**

The University of Virginia (UVA) presents...

Next installment of the Leading in Crisis Series

***"Understanding and Implementing the Principles of Organizational Alignment
Around Critical Plans and Initiatives "***

Tuesday, July 29, 2003

6:30p.m. - 9:30p.m.

Northern Virginia Center

7054 Haycock Road

Falls Church, Virginia

This insightful seminar will discuss and demonstrate processes that have helped many types of organizations create effective alignment that results in positive changes in staff energy and behavior.

For more information, please contact Russ Lentner at (703) 536-1127 or e-mail rlentner@virginia.edu.

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▪ **Saturday, August 9, 2003**

Sponsored by the North Star Baptist Association's Connect Group...

Special Event

"Mount Vernon Back to School Fair"

Saturday, August 9, 2003

11:00a.m. - 3:00p.m.

Emmanuel Baptist Church

3801 Buckman Road

Alexandria, VA 22309

For more information, please call (703) 324-3453.

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▪ **Friday, August 15, 2003**

Mark your calendar! The Fairfax County Human Services Multicultural Domestic Violence Project presents...

Workshop

"Multicultural Sensitivity Training on Family Violence"

Friday, August 15, 2003
All-Day Training
Location to be announced.

This workshop will address cultural perspectives on domestic violence in the Hispanic, Korean, Muslim, and Vietnamese communities. All local service providers, community-based organizations, and faith and community members are invited to attend.

Please reserve your space by the reservation deadline, August 1, 2003. For more information, please call Jessica Van Fossen at (703) 671-5666, ext. 122 or Kim Viet Ngo at (703) 538-2190.

For a copy of the Training Flyer, please refer to the link shown under this listing in the CIL Biweekly Update E-Newsletter, which may be accessed on the web at

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/service/dsm/CIL/cilbiweeklyupdate.htm.

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▪ **Wednesday, Nov. 12, and Thursday, Nov. 13, 2003**

The Roundtable on Religion and Social Welfare Policy, Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government, presents...

Fall 2003 Research Conference
***"The Public Benefit of Private Faith:
Religious Organizations and the Delivery of Social Services"***
Wednesday, Nov. 12, and Thursday, Nov. 13, 2003
Two-day Conference
Wyndham Washington Hotel
1400 M Street NW
Washington, DC

Conference registration is free! For more information, please contact Michael Cocca at (518) 443-5014 or via e-mail at coccam@rockinst.org.

News and Announcements:

Parent Connection Support Groups

Stop Child Abuse Now (SCAN) offers Parent Connection Support Groups for parents and families who need a little help with parenting skills, anger management, child development information, conflict management, and other topics. Parent Connection Support Groups are offered in both English and Spanish. The English-speaking group meets in Alexandria while one Spanish-speaking group meets in Alexandria (Rt. 1 Corridor, Fairfax County) and one in Arlington.

For more information on dates and times, please contact Paola Martinez directly at (703) 836-1820 or via e-mail at pmartinez@scanva.org.

For a copy of the Parent Connection Support Group flyers, please refer to the link shown under this listing in the CIL Biweekly Update E-Newsletter, which may be accessed on the web at

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/service/dsm/CIL/cilbiweeklyupdate.htm.

Individual Sessions Available

The Center for Housing Counseling Training is now offering individual sessions. Each session, except for the first session (introduction) and the last session (final exam), is \$20.00. For more information, please contact Joann Ochoa via e-mail at joann@christianrelief.org.

Resource and Grant Opportunities:

New Help Resource for Writing U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) Grant Applications

The U.S. Department of Labor's Center for Faith-Based & Community Initiatives has extremely helpful guidance posted on its web page for any organization that is preparing a grant proposal in response to a Solicitation for Grant Applications (SGA) issued by the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL).

You can find it at:

<http://www2.dol.gov/cfbc/sgabrochure.htm>

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) Grant Opportunity

The Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families announces the availability of Federal funds under the Compassion Capital Fund to intermediary organizations to provide technical assistance to faith-based and community organizations.

Administration for Children and Families' Grant under the Compassion Capital Fund: Intermediaries will assist these small groups in their efforts to improve program effectiveness and organizational management, access funds from diverse sources and manage those funds, develop and train staff, expand the types and reach of social services programs in their communities, and develop promising collaborations among organizations dedicated to social services delivery. In addition, recipients of awards under this announcement must issue sub-awards to a number of qualified faith-based and community organizations for a variety of capacity-building purposes.

Eligibility:	To be eligible for CCF awards, intermediaries should have established relationships with grassroots faith-based and community organizations, as well as a proven track record in providing technical assistance to such groups.
Amount of award:	Approximately \$4.2 million
Number of awards:	4-8
Applications due:	July 28, 2003

For additional information, please check the June 26 Federal Register at:

<http://a257.g.akamaitech.net/7/257/2422/14mar20010800/edocket.access.gpo.gov/2003/03-16076.htm>, the Department of Health and Human Services' web-site at: <http://www.hhs.gov>, and their Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives web-site at: <http://www.hhs.gov/fbci>.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Resource Materials Available

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has made the following resource materials available through Recent Research Results (RRR), a newsletter from HUD User.

Documents:

- *"Impacts of Welfare Reform on Recipients of Housing Assistance: Evidence From Indiana and Delaware"* (HUD11290). Price - \$5.
- *"Planning to Meet Local Housing Needs: The Role of HUD's Consolidated Planning Requirements in the 1990s"* (HUD11281). Price - \$5.
- *"The Impacts of CDBG Spending on Urban Neighborhoods"* (HUD11286). Price - \$5.

Periodicals:

- *Field Works* subscription. Free.
- *Recent Research Results* subscription. Free.
- *U.S. Housing Market Conditions* subscription. Free.

For information on ordering or subscribing, please call (800) 245-2691 (toll free), (800) 927-7589 (TDD), (202) 708-3178 (Washington, DC area) or (202) 708-9981 (fax).

The Aspen Institute - Nonprofit Sector Research Fund Announces RFP

The Aspen Institute's Nonprofit Sector Research Fund (NSRF) is pleased to announce the release of a Request-for-Proposals (RFP) for research on U.S. community foundations. (The RFP is available on-line by clicking [here](#) and is attached to this email as a PDF document.) NSRF is seeking proposals from university-based and other researchers. Priority will be given to research projects that address one or more of the following critical topics, which are described in greater detail in the RFP:

- Community Foundations' Organizational Excellence and Sustainability
- Governance Issues for Community Foundations
- Donor Interests and Community Needs
- Community Foundations Compared to Other Philanthropic & Community Institutions

Grants will generally range from \$10,000 to \$125,000 each and can be awarded to either individuals or institutions. Three-page letters of interest describing the proposed research project, methodology, and dissemination plan must be postmarked by July 25, 2003. Grants will be awarded in early 2004.

Please contact Jill Blackford, NSRF's program coordinator, at (202) 736-5855 or mail to: jillblackford@aspeninstitute.org, with questions about the RFP or NSRF more generally.

For a copy of this RFP, please refer to the link shown under this listing in the CIL Biweekly Update E-Newsletter, which may be accessed on the web at

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/service/dsm/CIL/cilbiweeklyupdate.htm.

WANTO Grant Opportunity

The Department of Labor's (DOL) Women's Bureau has announced the following grant for which nonprofit organizations, including faith-based and community organizations, are eligible to apply.

Women in Apprenticeship and Non-Traditional Occupations (WANTO) grant funds are disbursed to eligible organizations that provide employers and labor unions with technical assistance geared towards the successful placement and retention of women in apprenticeship and non-traditional occupations.

Eligibility: Non-profit, community-based organizations, including faith-based organizations
Amount of grant: \$50,000 to \$100,000
Number of grants: 10
Applications due: August 11, 2003

For additional information, please check the Women's Bureau's grant web-site at:

<http://www.dol.gov/wb/nontra.htm>

Grants are also placed on the Center's web-site at www.dol.gov/cfbci.

ODEP Grants

The Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy has announced grants for which nonprofit organizations, including faith-based and community-based organizations, are eligible to apply.

Grant information is available through accessing, www.dol.gov/odep, as well as the Department of Labor's Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, www.dol.gov/cfbci.

Intermediary Grants for Mentoring Youth with Disabilities

The ODEP announces the availability of funds for eligible intermediaries that have demonstrated an ability to assist faith-based and community organizations in promoting positive employment and transition outcomes for youth with disabilities through mentoring activities.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants include nonprofit, community, and/or faith-based organizations with existing connections within the community and a demonstrated ability to connect smaller faith- and community-based organizations and the people they serve to youth services funded under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998.

Amount of grant: Up to \$150,000
Number of grants: 3
Applications due: July 28, 2003

Grants for Home Modifications

Funds are available through the ODEP to provide home modifications as a means of further expanding the community integration of individuals with disabilities, particularly those seeking employment.

Eligible Organizations: Eligible applicants include faith-based and community organizations that must be nonprofit entities that:

1. Have social services as a major part of their mission;
2. Are headquartered in the local community to which they provide these services; and
3. Have a total annual operating budget of \$300,000 or less, or have six (6) or fewer full-time equivalent employees.

Local affiliates of national social service organizations are not considered "faith-based and community organizations" and are not eligible to apply.

Amount of grant: \$50,000 to \$100,000
Number of grants: 10
Applications due: July 14, 2003

For further information on both grants, please check the ODEP's grant web-site at:

<http://www.dol.gov/odep/programs/program.htm#grants>

Working for Freedom, Opportunity, and Real Choice Through Community Employment (WorkFORCE) Action Grant Initiative

The U.S. Department of Labor (DOL), Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP), announces the availability of \$2.5 million to award up to six competitive Working for Freedom, Opportunity, and Real Choice through Community Employment (WorkFORCE) Action Grant Initiative grants ranging from approximately \$400,000 to \$625,000 to continue its support for increasing and improving employment opportunities that allow individuals with disabilities to: (1) Move from nursing homes or other institutions and residential facilities into the community; (2) continue living in the community; (3) achieve economic self-sufficiency; and (4) attain full access to and participation in their communities. These demonstration grants will begin or expand the delivery and implementation of customized community employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities so that they may live, work, and fully participate in their communities.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants for these demonstration grants are nonprofit organizations including faith-based and community organizations (although not 501(c)(4) entities subject to the Lobbying Disclosure Act).

Amount of grant: \$400,000 - \$625,000
Number of grants: Up to 6.
Applications due: July 14, 2003

For further information on this grant, please check the ODEP's grant web-site at:

<http://www.dol.gov/odep/regs/workforce.htm>.

Second Reissue of RFP#: COM-03-053B

The Virginia Department of Social Services (DSS) announces a second reissue of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a technology initiative to expand public access to on-line employment information resources.

DSS is seeking 19 additional sites in which to place a computer system to strengthen community and faith-based organizations' involvement with the One-Stop Delivery System. Those organizations that applied during the first reissue will be considered along with proposals received from this issue and need not apply.

If you have any questions regarding this opportunity, please call (804) 692-1065. For a copy of this RFP, please refer to the link shown under this listing in the CIL Biweekly Update E-Newsletter, which may be accessed on the web at

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/service/dsm/CIL/cilbiweeklyupdate.htm.

Department of Health and Human Services Grant Opportunity

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Children, Youth, and Families (ACYF), Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB), announces the availability of financial assistance and requests applications for Mentoring Children of Prisoners grants. Grant funds would support the establishment and operation of programs using a network of public and private entities to provide mentoring services for children of incarcerated parents. The deadline for submitting a grant application under this announcement is Tuesday, July 15, 2003.

This program announcement and its application forms are also available by calling or writing to the ACYF Operations Center at the address below: Educational Services, Inc., ACYF Operations Center, Attention: Sylvia Johnson, 1150 Connecticut Avenue NW, Ste. 1100, Washington, DC 20036. Telephone: 1-800-351-2293. E-mail: FYSB@esilsg.org.

To download the announcement, visit the FYSB web site at <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fysb>.

Foundations Should Help Increase Access to Decent, Affordable Rental Housing for Low-Income Families, Report Says

Foundations should help increase access to decent, affordable rental housing in healthy neighborhoods, according to a new report. Stable, affordable rental housing for low-income families can enhance philanthropic efforts in other social service arenas, including health, education, and employment, according to this briefing paper released last month by the Neighborhood Funders Group. The paper, [*Affordable Rental Housing and the American Dream: The Role for Foundations*](#), profiles funding efforts of large foundations and makes several recommendations for foundations, especially smaller ones, to improve the rental housing market. These include helping establish or support housing trust funds for use by public officials; supporting local housing advocates to work with public housing authorities; and supporting public housing residents associations.

This information was included in the Philanthropy Information Retrieval Project (PIRP), Report #113: May 12 - June 12, 2003. The PIRP aims to identify and report, in a timely fashion, new ideas and other developments that might affect the field of philanthropy in years to come. To subscribe, please e-mail Alan Abramson, Director, Nonprofit Sector and Philanthropy Program, The Aspen Institute at abramson@aspeninstitute.org.

Direct Link to CCFP Web-site

To learn more about the Fairfax County Consolidated Community Funding Pool (CCFP), including a brief overview of the CCFP, contact information, the seven steps in the funding cycle process, or the CCFP's history and background, please access the following link:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/service/ccfp/general/default.shtm>

Volunteer and Employment Opportunities:

New Hope Housing Openings

Currently, New Hope Housing has openings for a Director of Resident Services and a Case Manager. The Assistant Director of Post Shelter Housing position has been filled. For more information, please call (703) 799-2293. For a copy of the Position Openings notice, please refer to the link shown under this listing in the CIL Biweekly Update E-Newsletter, which may be accessed on the web at

Community Fundraisers:

▪ **Friday, July 11, 2003**

The Fairfax County Office of Public Affairs (OPA) announces...

Fundraiser
"Great American Bake Sale"
Friday, July 11, 2003
7:00a.m. - 1:00p.m.
Fairfax County Government Center
12000 Government Center Parkway
First Floor (near the cafeteria)
Fairfax, Virginia 22035

The Fairfax County Office of Public Affairs (OPA) will be coordinating a Great American Bake Sale event on Friday, July 11, 2003, to raise funds to fight childhood hunger. Monies raised through the bake sale will benefit area food banks through the Share Our Strength organization, the national sponsor of the event.

If you would like to donate baked goods or if you have any questions, please contact Emily Swift, in the Office of Public Affairs, at (703) 324-3187 or via e-mail at eswift@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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▪ **Friday, July 11 - Saturday, July 19, 2003**

Fundraiser to benefit Inova Fairfax Hospital for Children and Special Love/Camp Fantastic...

Nine Evenings of FREE Outdoor Entertainment and Family Fun!
"COX Movies under the Moon"
Friday, July 11 - Saturday, July 19, 2003
Restaurants open at 6:30p.m.
Movie starts at 8:30p.m.
George Mason University
Robinson Football Field
Fairfax, Virginia

July 11 - "Grease"
July 12 - "Harry Potter & the Chamber of Secrets"
July 13 - "E.T."
July 14 - "Top Gun"
July 15 - "Willy Wonka"
July 16 - "North by Northwest"
July 17 - "Raiders of the Lost Ark"
July 18 - "My Big Fat Greek Wedding"
July 19 - "Shrek"

Movies will begin each night at sundown (approximately 8:30 p.m.). Spectators are encouraged to come early, bring a blanket and low beach chair, purchase food from the on-site restaurants (starting at 6:30 p.m.) to support the charities, and spend an evening watching a great movie. Moviegoers should follow signs to parking lots A, J, and K. Alcohol, pets, and smoking are prohibited.

For more information, visit www.moviesunderthemoon.org or call (703) 323-6333.
